

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim listing:

1-55. (Cancelled)

56. (New) Apparatus comprising:

a data processing terminal;

a wireless communications module comprising a transceiver arranged to transmit and receive radio frequency signals;

at least one antenna coupled with the transceiver and embedded within the communications module; and

a connector arranged to removably couple the communications module with the data processing terminal and to transmit signals, wherein the data processing terminal is coupled with the connector and is arranged to standardize the logic levels and the format of the signals transmitted over the connector such that the data processing terminal may be engaged by the communications module through the connector without adjustment of the communications module.

57. (New) The apparatus of claim 56 wherein the at least one antenna comprises a flat antenna.

58. (New) The apparatus of claim 56 wherein the at least one antenna comprises a pair of flat antennas.

59. (New) The apparatus of claim 56 wherein the at least one antenna comprises two antennas having different structure relative to each other.

60. (New) In a communication system including a portable data processing terminal of a size and weight carriable by a user, apparatus comprising:

a wireless communications module comprising a transceiver arranged to transmit and receive radio frequency signals, the module being of such a size and weight as to be maneuverable with only one hand of a user;

at least one antenna coupled with the transceiver and embedded within the communications module; and

a connector arranged to releasably engage the communications module from the data processing terminal and to transmit signals, wherein the data processing terminal is coupled with the connector and is arranged to standardize the logic levels and the format of the signals transmitted over the connector such that the data collection terminal may be engaged by the communications module through the connector without adjustment of the communications module or the data processing terminal.

61. (New) The system of claim 60 wherein the at least one antenna comprises a flat antenna.

62. (New) The system of claim 60 wherein the at least one antenna comprises a pair of flat antennas.

63. (New) The system of claim 60 wherein the at least one antenna comprises two antennas having different structure relative to each other.

64. (New) The system of claim 60 wherein battery power is applied to the communications module from the data processing terminal through a switch and wherein the data processing module is responsive to the non-operation of the communications module for opening the switch and thereby removing power from the communications module.

65. (New) Apparatus for use with a portable data processing terminal of a size and weight carriable by a user comprising:

a wireless communications module comprising a transceiver arranged to transmit and receive radio frequency signals, the module having such a size and weight as to be maneuverable with only one hand of the user;

at least one antenna coupled with the communications module and embedded within the communications module;

a connector arranged to releasably engage the communications module with the data processing terminal and to transmit signals; and

a housing enclosing the data processing terminal and defining an opening arranged to receive the communications module and to guide the module into contact with the connector, wherein the data processing terminal is arranged to standardize the logic levels and the format of the signals transmitted over the connector such that the data processing terminal may be engaged by the communications module through the connector without adjustment of the communications module or the data processing terminal.

66. (New) The apparatus of claim 65 wherein the at least one antenna comprises a flat antenna.

67. (New) The apparatus of claim 65 wherein the at least one flat antenna comprises a pair of flat antennas.

68. (New) The apparatus of claim 65 wherein the at least one antenna comprises two antennas having different structure relative to each other.

69. (New) Apparatus for use with a portable data processing terminal including a connector and having a size and weight carryable by a user, the apparatus comprising a wireless communications module having a generally flat rectangular shape and having such a size and weight as to be maneuverable by only one hand of a user, the module being coupled to the data

processing terminal through the connector and comprising a transceiver arranged to transmit and receive radio frequency signals and comprising an antenna embedded in the module and coupled to the transceiver.

70. (New) The apparatus of claim 69 wherein the at least one antenna comprises a flat antenna.

71. (New) The apparatus of claim 69 wherein the at least one antenna comprises a pair of flat antennas.

72. (New) The apparatus of claim 69 wherein the at least one antenna comprises two antennas having different structure relative to each other.